

# ZERO BEAT

Our 53rd year

A Publication of the Hampden County Radio Association

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## CONTACT!

The next meeting of the Hampden County Radio Association will be on **Friday evening, October 2**, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. **Doors open at 7:00 - the meeting starts at 7:30 ....don't be late!**

If you've ever wondered if it's possible, or how to work the Amateur Radio satellites, be at the next meeting. Our Speaker will be Matt, N1RWC who will talk about working the Amateur "birds".

This month also starts the addition in Zero Beat of a new series of articles on DX, written by Jordy Koltz, W1JK. Now that the sunspots are on the rise and the amount of contacts are increasing and easier to work, you'll want to see what Jordy has to say!

There's a lot going on, so be sure to stay in touch! This month Amateur satellites, DX in ZBeat, next month the Annual Auction, the Annual Social in December, and more!

### **DON'T FORGET THE NET!!!**

The HCRA invites all Amateurs and those interested in becoming hams to tune into our weekly nets -

**Monday night, 7:30 p.m. on  
10 meters, 28.375 MHz, +/-  
QRM, and**

**Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m. on  
2 meters, 147.105 MHz,  
+600kHz.**

*Stop in and say "Hello"!*

### **RADIALS**

**Don't forget to check out the new  
DX column and the Swap & Shop col-  
umn in this month's issue. Keep an  
eye out for more articles on Amateur  
Radio topics.**

**The search for a Club Logo goes  
on, and if you submit the winning de-  
sign, you could win an ARRL Amateur  
Radio Handbook!**

*If you are interested in submitting  
an article, contact Barry, N1IJK at the  
Club meeting, or at the PO Box at the  
return address on your Zero Beat.  
Please include a phone number where  
you can be reached.*

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Thanks to all of you that attended our September meeting. The turn out was great, and I am sure a good time was had by all. We renewed friendships and enjoyed the two guest speakers.

The future of Hampden County Radio Assn. looks bright. We have excellent speakers lined up for future meetings and events like the November Auction and the December holiday event not to mention the January UHF/VHF contest.

The HCRA officers and board members are working very hard to make the club a success but I have to remind all of you that success can not be achieved without the membership support. We need your attendance at the meetings, participation and involvement in club activities. **We ask you to please renew you membership if you have not already done so. The annual dues that is due September remains at ten dollars thanks to your participation in the Club monthly meeting raffle.**

The guest speaker for the October meeting will be of interest to all. I urge everyone to attend and please bring a friend. It came to my attention that some of our members find it difficult to drive at night. These members are important to us. If you need a ride you can contact any one of our club officers and we will do our best to arrange transportation for you. Anyone helping out with the ride share program will receive a free raffle ticket for our monthly drawing.

**Remember the big auction coming up at the November meeting!** This is a great chance to clean out the shack or pick up some new treasures. Raffle tickets are available for the ADI AT-201-HP first prize and the Cushcraft Ringo Ranger ARX-2B 2 meter antenna. Donations are one dollar per ticket or a book of six for five dollars. Tickets will be available at the October meeting your participation will be appreciated.

A big welcome to our new members and looking forward to saying hello to all of you at the October meeting.

73 de

IRV W6IS

## Who to Contact

Questions, Comments and Suggestions Can Be Directed To:

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### 1998 Holiday dinner coordinators

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# **DX CLIPS**

By

**JORDY KOLTZ , W1JK**

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Summer is over and DX activity will be increasing .Listen to the 10M band or ,at least look for the "Beacons" at the low end for openings all over the world.

**\* On 9/13/98 VK2BA was 5 by 8 @ 2100Z on 28480.**

20M is still the most dependable band with openings somewhere in the world 24 hrs a day.15M is also quite good.

**\*\* LOOK FOR:**

**ZD9CY usually on weekends on 20M(14180+) . Also 21300+.QRV thru end of November.**

*TL5A on 14195 split.QSL via PA3DMH.*

**~~E31AA , Eritrea , on 14195 split.QSL via ZL3CW.~~**

*ZS1B will be QRV from Tristan De Cunha (ZD9) approx. 9/28 or 9/29 on 14160, 14260, 21260, & 28460.His name is Pud.*

**FW5XX , Wallis & Fortuna Islands. Marcel , ON4QM , will be there 2 mos.-all bands. QSL to home call.**

*YI , Iraq , Radio Club of Baghdad QRV 9/22 to 10/1. Special event station YI89BIF.*

**ZD9IL , Tristan De Cunha , Ian is QRV 40 to 10M 0900 to 1600Z. QSL via ZS5BBO.**

*Don't forget the ZL/VK Oceania DX contest on 10/3 & 10/4 (SSB) and 10/10 & 10/11 (CW) 10 thru 80M.*

**See you next month! -Jordy.**

## **Radials**

*Don't forget about the Club Logo Contest! You can submit your entry at the Club meeting, or if you need more information, contact Larry, K1ILZ, at (413) 566-3966, or Irv, W6IS, at (413) 566-5622.*

# **SWAP & SHOP!**

*Swap & Shop is a forum for the exchange of Amateur Radio related equipment and is provided to the Amateur Community as a service by the HCRA. All descriptions and claims are made by the seller, and are the responsibility of the seller. The HCRA assumes no responsibility or liability for the listings, actions or claims of either the seller or the buyer. All listings must be submitted in writing and must be accompanied by a telephone number where the buyer can be reached. Submissions must be received by the 3rd Friday of the month to be eligible for the next month's issue. Forwarding of a list of items for sale to Zero Beat is not a guarantee of publication by Zero Beat, and no guarantee of sale is intended or implied. You may submit listings to Barry Mason, N1IJK, PO Box 705, Agawam, MA, 01001-0705.*

## **For Sale:**

**\*KENWOOD TS-530S TRANCEIVER....\$400**

**includes CW filter and manual. 160 thru 10 meters including WARC bands.**

**\*SPAULDING 46 FOOT TOWER, ON GROUND, DISMANTLED  
six 8 foot sections. Winch tilt over mechanism available. Can deliver  
to your site.....\$350**

**\*Hy-GAIN DB-10-15 DUOBANDER 3 ELEMENT BEAM  
10 and 15 meters, manual.....\$100**

**Contact: Mike Ludkiewicz, W1DGJ, Ludlow, (413) 583-6678**

## **For Sale:**

**\*1/2 INCH 75 OHM HARDLINE CABLE. VERY LOW LOSS  
(APPROX. LOSSES PER 100ft. - .46db@30MHz, 1.3db@150MHz,  
2.2db@450MHz)**

**Contact: Barry Mason, N1IJK, (413) 789-0990**

**Here's room for your ad!**

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will be on Friday, October 2, 1998  
at 7:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congrega-  
tional Church. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.**

**This month's meeting:**

## **SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS!**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

In case of inclement weather, listen to Channel 40 or 22, and the 146.940 and 147.105 repeaters.  
Meeting cancellation information will be given out by 6:00 p.m.

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CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS: NOVICE \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ TECH-PLUS \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADVANCE \_\_\_\_\_ EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED:

MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWEL \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: ARRL  
MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE MEMBER ? \_\_\_\_\_

VE: YES ☐ NO ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VE PROGRAM ? \_\_\_\_\_

MY INTERESTS ARE: HF ☐ UHF ☐ VHF ☐ SATELLITE ☐ REPEATERS ☐ PACKET ☐

OTHER: (Please  
Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

BAND OPERATION: HF ☐ VHF ☐ UHF ☐

I HAVE INTERESTS IN ASSISTING IN THESE PROGRAMS :

HAM TRAINING CLASSES ☐ ELMER PROGRAM ☐ CLUB MEETINGS ☐ TECHNICAL ☐

CONTESTING ☐ FIELD DAY: SET UP ☐ TAKE-DOWN ☐ STATION OPERATION ☐

I NEED MORE INFORMATION : ☐

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST The FOLLOWING: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your support - Iv, W6IS

Support the HCRA and keep your copy  
of Zero Beat coming every month.  
A handy application is printed on the  
back of this wrapper. Send it in, or  
bring it to next HCRA meeting on  
October 2nd!

**RENEW NOW !!!**

**IT'S TIME TO ...**

**IF YOUR ZERO BEAT IS  
WRAPPED IN THIS  
PAPER!**

**Hampden County Radio Association**

P.O. Box 562  
Agawam, MA 01001



**NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 2ND!**

**MATT, NIRWC WILL TALK ON  
AMATEUR SATELLITE OPERATION**

**COFFEE & DONUTS, RAFFLE,  
AND OF COURSE... A GREAT TIME!**

**HOPE TO CU THERE!**

